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FCC TO HOST A SMALL BUSINESS & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES FAIR IN NEW YORK Friday, October 16th, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The FCC's Office of Communications Business Opportunities ("OCBO") will host a Small Business & Emerging Technologies Fair on Friday, October 16th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at MIST, 46 W 116th Street, New York, NY 10026. The Tech Fair will be held in conjunction with Silicon Harlem's 2nd Annual Tech Conference and will be free and accessible to all Silicon Harlem conference participants and to the public generally.

Silicon Harlem's mission is to transform Harlem into a technology and innovation hub. This includes establishing co-working spaces, gigabit infrastructure, securing investment capital, and hosting monthly meetups.

The Silicon Harlem event will focus on innovation by fledgling entrepreneurs in information technology and telecom. OCBO Director, Thomas Reed, will participate in Silicon Harlem's panel discussion on small businesses and minority and women-owned tech startups. The panel will examine the challenges that tech start-ups face as well as some of the more specific issues that often preclude technical innovation in the minority business community. The panel will also address entity formation, incubation, and early stage investment strategies.

In addition to showcasing tech start-ups, OCBO will be hosting a "Fast Pitch" Program in the afternoon where tech entrepreneurs will have a unique opportunity to present their ideas/products to – and get feedback from – experts on launching and capitalizing new businesses.

If you'd like to showcase your tech start-up at our Tech Fair and participate in the "Fast Pitch" program, please submit a brief company profile in a separate attachment to Karen Beverly at Karen.Beverly@fcc.gov by Thursday, October 1st, 2015. If you're simply interested in attending the Tech Fair in person, please contact OCBO at TechFair@fcc.gov to register. Booth and Fast Pitch spaces will fill up quickly. If you would like additional information on Silicon Harlem's Tech Conference please visit www.siliconharlem.net. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to

fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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This event is one of an ongoing series of FCC-sponsored Tech Fairs for small, minority and women-owned technology start-ups designed to provide small businesses with expert feedback on their ideas and products and on launching and capitalizing a new business. Inclusion in this series does not constitute an endorsement by the FCC of any particular product, service or enterprise.